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Morale Call Update



Communicating with loved ones and friends back home doesn't have to break your bank account. Find out how to reserve your morale call times and get all the latest rules for making and receiving these free calls.

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Building Shade for Cooper Field



Efforts are underway to provide much needed shade to fans of sports played at Cooper Field, but not without some opposition.

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GTMO's Newest Gunny!



Thursday morning at Marine Hill, SSgt. Robin Dombrowski is promoted to the rank of Gunnery Sgt. Pinning on his new rank insignia are MCSFCo. Commanding Officer, Maj. Scott Packard and First Sergeant Phillip Pauley. Also honored was GSgt. John Banzhof who was presented a JTF Certificate of Commendation by JTF-160 Commander, BGen. Rick Baccus. - Photo by PH2 Wayne Abbott

Energy Conservation

Shade sun-exposed windows and bldg. walls. Direct sunlight can substantially increase your A/C Costs.

Water Conservation

Guantanamo Bays' water consumption and the cost of that resource is a critical part of our quality of life. Help keep GTMO in the black and conserve water. It's one of our most valuable commodities.

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JULY AWARDS



A belated "Congratulations" to the awards recipients from July (left to right) MA1 Danielle Desanctis (NAM), MM3 Savanna Thomas (NATO Medal), MA1 Glenn Semer (NAM), AZ2(AW) SallyAnn Miskell (LOA), AM2 Nicholas Dinh (Frocking Letter), and MA2 Matthew Lohr (Frocking Letter).

AUGUST AWARDS

The following persons received awards at the August Naval Station Awards Quarters held 31 July. (Back Row, l-r) ABF1 Patricia Peterson (Navy Commendation Medal), MA2 Christopher Glover (Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal), AD3(NAC) Joseph Broderick (Letter of Commendation), GMSN Lars Slentz (Letter of Commendation). (Front Row, l-r) PC2 Sophia Humphrey (Navy Achievement Medal), MA1 William Stinson (Letter of Commendation), AT2(DV) David Daughetee (Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal), SK1 Thomas Brunsvold (Frocking Letter), MS2 Marcia Stepp (Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal). Camera shy: MA2 William Biersdorf (Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal). MS2 Stepp received her award for her alertness and timely action in reacting to a choking incident at the Galley. Stepp applied the Heimlich Maneuver to a choking victim, dislodging the food, and caring for the victim until medical help arrived.



Tides Chart

Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
03	0303	0.92	0931	0.09	1709	1.44	2331	0.67
04	0351	0.88	1019	0.01	1803	1.55		
05	0037	0.65	0439	0.86	1107	-0.06	1857	1.65
06	0125	0.63	0533	0.88	1201	-0.13	1939	1.74
07	0207	0.59	0633	0.92	1249	-0.18	2027	1.80
08	0249	0.54	0727	0.98	1343	-0.20	2109	1.81
09	0325	0.47	0827	1.06	1437	-0.17	2151	1.79

FFSC Launches Global Marketing Campaign

Focuses on Single Servicemembers, Military Families

MILLINGTON, Tenn. — As part of its goal to improve recruitment, readiness, and retention, the U.S. Navy has launched a global campaign to encourage Servicemembers and their families to take advantage of life- and career-enhancing programs offered at its 55 Fleet and Family Support Centers (FFSCs) around the world.

"Fleet and Family Support Centers are among the Navy's best efforts to put Servicemembers and their families first," said Capt. Kim Drury of the Navy Personnel Command in Millington, Tenn. "We offer a range of programs from Personal Financial Management and New Parent Support to Spouse Employment Assistance, Professional Counseling and Deployment Support."

The Center services are free to all Servicemembers, their families, retirees and activated Reservists. It is a benefit unmatched in the private sector, said Drury. "No private sector employer takes care of its own the way the Navy does. And the new logo and theme line we've adopted to promote the programs reflect this," she said.

The FFSC's new lighthouse logo and theme line: "Meeting Your Needs. At Home. At Sea." were designed to give The Centers a uniform identity at naval bases around the globe. The goal is to familiarize more Servicemembers and their families with the various programs offered, and increase utilization, Drury said.

"These programs are specifically designed to address the unique challenges that come with life in the military," Drury said. "We are here to help families and Servicemembers manage their finances, deal with stress, relocate, adjust to parenting and everything in between."

Servicemembers are often unaware of or are misinformed about the array of programs available to them and their families.

"Like many of my former peers, I was under the assumption that you only go to the FFSC if you are in trouble," said 20-year Navy veteran Eugene Jackson, who retired from the service and now serves as a relocation specialist at NAS Whiting Field in Milton, Fla. "I was amazed to find out about all the services and resources the FFSC has to offer — services that could've made my career a lot less stressful if only I had known or had made an effort to find out."

To help raise awareness and change perceptions of The Center, Navy Personnel Command brought nearly 60 of its FFSC directors and marketing specialists to Millington for three days of training in June and July.

"This training is one element of our commitment to getting Servicemembers and their families to take advantage of this important benefit they earn every day through hard work and dedication to our armed forces," Drury said.

The training sessions included a presentation

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BRIEFS

Annual National Night Out - August 6-

The 19th Annual National Night Out crime prevention event is August 6.

The parade in housing begins at 4:30pm and includes all types of emergency vehicles leading the way to Cooper Field.

The event kicks off at approximately 5pm with "Open Line" — "live from Cooper Field."

Enjoy static displays and booths from Security, the Fire Department, Ambulatory Care, Marine Corps Security Force, Safety, Environmental, DEFY, Tricare, Harbor Patrol, and the Military Working Dogs.

Free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and soda are served from 5 to 7:30pm.

The rock climber, bouncer and many other games are provided for the younger crowd.

Everyone leaves with a full stomach, fist full of prizes, cameras full of memories and most of all, a sense of security!

Navy Legal Service Office Appointments

The new legal assistance attorney is scheduled to arrive on base Friday, 9 August, and LT Williams is departing a few days later.

So that work on existing client issues can be completed prior to the transition, our office is taking appointments for emergencies only next week (5-9 August). Our office hours will remain the same during this period and walk-in services should continue as normal, although there may be some unavoidable interruptions. We will do our best to keep any office closures to a minimum, but please call ahead before visiting our office. NLSO should resume normal service on Tuesday, 13 August.

Project A-OK Helps Students Make the Grade

Your Navy Exchange wants to help pay for your child's college education. Through its Project A-OK program, your child could win \$5,000, \$3,000 or \$2,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds. The last drawing for the 2001/2002 school year is at the end of this month. The first drawing for the 2002/2003 school year is the end of November.

Any eligible full-time student who has a

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Welcome Aboard!

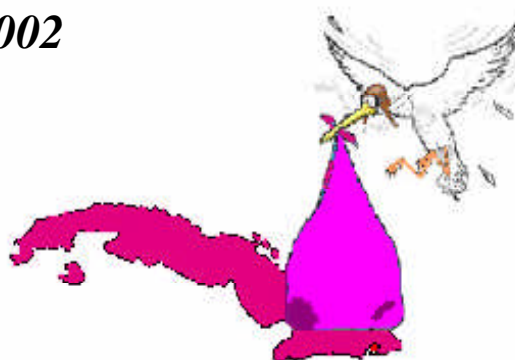
Erynn Elizabeth O'Connor

Born: 30 July 2002

7lbs, 7oz.

20 1/4"

**to Melody and
Frank O'Connor**



BRIEFS CONT.

B grade point average or better may enter the drawing. Eligible students include children of active duty military members, reservists and military retirees, including those employed by or whose spouse is employed by the Navy Exchange System. Drawings are held each quarter for a total of \$40,000.

To enter, stop at the NEX with your current report card and have a Navy Exchange associate verify your minimum grade average. Fill out your entry card and obtain your A-OK ID, which entitles you to discount coupons for use at the NEX.

DRMO Sale August 9

The DRMO Retail Sales are Friday, August 9. Sales are from 8am to noon.

All property bought must be removed the day of the sale. Only cash is accepted - NO CHECKS or CREDIT CARDS.

There is NO PRE - SCREENING of the items, For more details, call 4184.

WANTED: DEFY Program Mentors.

Enthusiastic, motivated, devoted, "fun spirited" and "childlike grown-ups" are needed as Mentors for the Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) Program. The DEFY Program is a prevention program and a joint partnership between the Navy, Marine Corps, Department of Justice and the U.S. Attorney to combat alcohol and drug abuse, as well as gang involvement. The prevention program is targeted at children between the ages of nine and twelve and is a comprehensive, 2-phase program emphasizing positive development of mind, body and spirit. Phase I is a structured 8-day non-resident camp that is scheduled for the 16-23 August, with graduation on the 24th of August. Phase II is a school-year-mentoring phase designed to support the training and education received in Phase I and focus on the youth's individual development. Phase two consists of monthly classes and outings. The existence of the DEFY Program is fully dependent on volunteers. Make a difference in the lives of young Americans by becoming a Mentor. Help to build a stronger America, have fun and gain the satisfaction of knowing you have helped youth to develop to their full potential. To volunteer or learn more about the DEFY Program contact either SKCS Grewe at 4242 or LT Goldberg at 72035 or 7124.

DSN Morale Calls

In an effort to make sure all hands know of and understand the base's DSN Morale Calling Program, NCTAMS LANT DET GTMO presents the following information:

"You can receive or make moral calls anywhere in the world using the Defense Switch Network (DSN)." This is a simple process for all to follow and greatly improves the quality of life for all military and CONUS recruited civil service employees here in Guantanamo Bay. DSN morale calls are a great deal as long as personnel follow applicable rules," stated Master Chief Tom Brewer, NCTAMS LANT DET GTMO BAY CUBA Chief-In-Charge during a recent interview.

Frequently asked questions include:

·What restrictions apply to this program?

Official government calls have priority over routine morale calls.

·Who can use the DSN Morale Call Program on board Naval Base Guantanamo Bay?

All Military personnel and CONUS recruited civil service employees can place and or receive DSN morale calls.

·Are there special time slots set aside to make DSN morale calls?

Yes. 1800 to 2330 Monday through Friday and 0800 to 2330 on weekends and holidays.

·Is there a time limitation?

Yes. 15 minutes.

·Is there a limit of how many times per week a person can I make a morale call?

Yes. Once every seven days.

·How does someone make an outgoing morale Call?

In order to place a DSN morale call, you will need to make a reservation with the LCN Operator by dialing 916 from any telephone on base. Reservations are accepted no earlier than 1700 on Monday through Friday and 0700 on weekends and holidays. You will also need to have some basic information ready to give the operator. You will need the DSN number to the military base in which you wish to call, last four digits of your social security number, and the commercial number that you wish to call. You must remember that the commercial number that you are calling will need to be within local calling distance to the base your calling, or that base have no-cost area code access to the commercial number your requesting. If the party you wish to call is not in the local calling area, some bases will allow you to make a collect call. Remember that not all bases allow DSN morale calling.

·How can I receive an in-bound morale calls?

In-bound morale calls can be placed to GTMO from anywhere in the world. All that the caller needs to do is call the base operator of the military base that is closest to them and request to place a DSN morale call to Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba using DSN number 660-2998. Your party will need to inform the operator that an Auto-Attendant System will answer the call and that he or she must remain on the line until the GTMO base operator answers the call. Once you connect with the GTMO operator, the person calling will need to provide the sponsor's last four digits of their social security number and the extension they want to call.

If you have any questions, you can call the BCO trouble desk at ext. 2500, Monday – Friday, 0800-1600 or the LCN operator at ext. 914 any time. You can also refer to the "User Guide" (the blue section, page seven), section of the base's telephone book.



SK3 Hughes makes a Morale Call reservation at one of the telephone booths on board Naval Base.

Getting Around GTMO On Schedule

By JO3 Alexis Brown

When the 418th Transportation Detachment from Fort Hood, Texas was told they were being deployed to Guantanamo Bay, they packed their bags and prepared for the next six months or even a year in the heat and limited vistas of Guantanamo Bay.

They said their good-byes to family and friends and headed for GTMO in support of "Enduring Freedom."

Next stop, the sunshine, warmth and mysteries of the Caribbean paradise known as GTMO. None of the unit's members was under the impression that they were coming here to populate the beaches and give lessons in beach party etiquette. They knew from the start that they were going to provide a much needed service to the base, a base with limited bus transportation designed to handle a much smaller population than it currently hosts.

Temporary base residents, activated reservists and units assigned to the base for less than one year, don't usually purchase personal vehicles and must rely on the base bus transportation to get around. The old half hour runs that suited the much smaller population that existed before January of this year, supported the needs of the base at that time. Times have changed. New stops and much more frequent runs were needed and the 418th is here to provide those services. Foot traffic is dwindling in the heat of the GTMO summer as the buses make their way up and down Sherman Ave. and the few high traffic roads that depart from that thoroughfare, giving GTMO residents without vehicles a chance to conserve shoe leather and get to places on time.

GTMO does provide it's challenges to bus drivers though. Narrow roads, public works projects along the roadway, cyclists, pedestrians and tight turns keep the drivers on their toes. Although the unit's primary mission is safety and transportation, so they probably never thought one of their biggest challenges would be dealing the heat, not the heat from Mother Nature, but from their fellow servicemembers. Although most of the week, riders are quiet, courteous and appreciative of the "lift," some of their biggest challenges have involved dealing with hardships caused by a few unruly bus passengers.

Transportation NCOIC for the 418th Army Staff Sgt. Joseph Ronin said, the majority of their problems come on Friday and Saturday nights, popular liberty periods for residents with little time to release the tensions of long workweeks and duty schedules.

"We've had instances where bus riders get on the bus and [get sick], argue with the bus driver and attempt to bring beer bottles on the bus," said Ronin. He said, some of his bus drivers have even had to stop to put a person off the bus or to confront an unruly passenger. "With the weather as hot as it is [here], local riders should feel lucky they have some type of [free] transportation service," said Ronin.

Walking around Guantanamo Bay during the heat of the day, is not generally considered a pleasant experience by many. Members of units arriving here find that the heat takes some getting used to and the busses provide welcome relief from hoofing it to your destination.

Even so Ronin said, some people forced to use the bus service have occasionally expressed some dissatisfaction with the levels of service. So changes were made.

The unit provides special group transit runs for units and augments the base bus routes. "We added an additional bus to JTF Headquarters, and the Pink Palace," said Ronin. However, they still get complaints if buses are late or if passengers mistake a special run bus for an in-service base bus and it passes up a their bus stop.

"We can't make everyone happy," said Ronin, further noting that every time they make a change to the schedule or service, it seems to create a situation that someone else considers a hardship.

With "Enduring Freedom" on the minds of fellow servicemembers in GTMO and a difficult task to complete, these problems disturb the bus drivers, so they keep trying to tailor the service to the needs of the base.

Driving a bus isn't always easy, Ronin added. "These soldiers work long hours in the heat, and they do their part. They're a good group of soldiers and work hard."



418th Transportation Unit Private First Class Diane Klinker cleans up one of the buses from the previous night of runs on base.

Worship Services

Roman Catholic Mass

(Main Chapel)

Monday - Friday

Daily Mass (Cobre Chapel) 0630

Friday

Liturgy of the Hours & Rosary

(Cobre Chapel) 1700

Saturday

Reconciliation 1630

Eucharist/Mass 1730

Sunday

Eucharist/Mass 0900

Eucharistic Adoration/Reflective Prayer (Cobre Chapel) Daily, 24hrs

Protestant Service

Sunday

Services - Main Chapel 1100 & 1930

Camp America 0800

Leeward-Marine Barracks 1430

New Life

(Sanctuary B)

Sunday

Worship Service 1100

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

(Sanctuary A)

Sunday

Sacrament 0900

Jewish

(Sanctuary A)

Twice per month Call 2323

Filipino Bible Fellowship

(Sanctuary A)

Sunday

Worship Service 1800

Inglesia Ni Cristo

(Sanctuary B)

Sunday

Worship Service 2000

Pentecostal Gospel Temple

(Sanctuary C)

Sunday

Worship 0800 & 1700

Seventh Day Adventist

(Sanctuary B)

Saturday

Divine Service 1100

United Gospel

(Sanctuary A)

Sunday

Service 1245

United Jamacian Fellowship

(BLDG. 1036 - Next to Cable Company)

Sunday

Service 1100 & 1830

Please ask the Faith Group Representative about Sunday School Times, Education Programs, Bible Study, Prayer Groups, etc. For more details, call the Chaplain's Office at 2323.

Local Plant Nursery Project Takes Root

Although The Plant Nursery is temporarily closed for plant adoption, volunteers are still hard at work. They are busy planting, re-potting and in general having good "clean" fun.

There is an exciting new project underway and we would like to make the community aware of this project and ask for your support.

If you have been to Cooper field recently we are sure you have noticed the addition of small and fragile young Poinciana trees surrounding the bleachers.

The seeds for these trees were started approximately one year ago in anticipation of their addition to the Cooper field landscape. As you can see this is not a last minute project.

MWR and Naval Station's Public Works Department were instrumental in developing this long-range plan. MWR's Craig Basel and PWD's CDR Eric Denfield and Ben House offered invaluable advice and support.

Another planting of ten trees will take

place at a later date.

The tree planting is intended, not only for landscape improvement, but also to provide future shade for local sports fans. Yeah!!

In the meantime, after cheering for your team of choice, if you have water left in your cooler or cup, give a tree a drink. They'll love you for it!

As we all know, planting trees is no easy task in our sand, coral dust-filled island soil. This daunting, and backbreaking task was taken on by Jim Grewe Jr. who dug the holes for the young trees, and now has the task of ensuring they are watered and supported till they take root in their new homes.

In support of the current water conservation program at Guantanamo Bay, he has taken it upon himself to carry gray water from his home to support these young trees. Jim has taken on this project in support of the community to meet the final requirements to rise to the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank he can attain

through the Boy Scouts of America.

Along with his community project Grewe is also required to be an active member of the local troop, demonstrate scout spirit through the oath and scout law, and earn a total of 21 merit badges, (a goal he has already surpassed). To meet these requirements along the path to Eagle Scout takes years of dedication.

We will thank Jim for taking on this back braking adventure and know that we, and future residents, will all enjoy the shade and enjoyment of these trees at Cooper field.

The Plant Nursery staff asks all residents to please support the ongoing beautification project at Cooper field by taking care to protect the planting efforts. We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations of plants, pots and gardening tools. They will certainly be well used to help benefit the community.

Interested in volunteering? Contact the Red Cross at ext. 6560 for more info or call 7985 after 5 p.m.



Breaking ground, no easy task in GTMO, is Jim Grewe (right) with some assistance from brother Christopher. The efforts to break through the hard crust of GTMO soil is part of a plan to provide shade to spectators at Cooper fiel, and to aid Jim in his efforts to attain the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Both projects are well on their way to success.

Household Pack-out Information

The Personal Property Office is short staffed the first two weeks in August 2002 and requests that all personnel planning to pack-out during this time contact the Personal Property Office at ext. 4206/4495 ASAP to complete paperwork and determine pack-out dates.

You Can Quit Now!



For information on the Tobacco Cessation Program call USNH at 72176 or 72944



Jamaican Pre-Independence CELEBRATION 2002

Monday, August 5, 2002

Phillips Park

Ceremony Begins 12:00pm



New Creation Band

performs

Saturday August 3rd

Windjammer

Show begins at 8PM

Real Deal Dance Group

performs

Friday August 2nd

8:00PM at the

W.T. Sampson Elementary School

Amphi-Theater

The total entertainment package

Monday August 5th

Dinner Served

12:30-2pm

****Menu****



Curried Goat

Jerk Chicken

Ackee & Cod Fish

Jerk Pork

Red Beans & Rice

Yams

White Rice

Rolls & Butter

**MUSIC PROVIDED BY NEW CREATION BAND
AND CULTURE DISCO**

REAL DEAL DANCE GROUP

FIRE EATER

BAMBO JUMPER

LIMBO DANCER

CONTORTIONIST

FUN AND GAMES



Tickets

\$14 adult and \$6 for children under 10yrs

BONFIRES / CAMPFIRES

*All Fires Require a Hot Work Permit From the
Fire Prevention Office Building 2164
Phone # 4598 / 4611.

*Permits Issued Monday - Friday 0700 - 1600.

*No Permits Issued After 1600 Hours Friday.

***WARNING!**

***ALL NON-PERMIT BONFIRES ARE ILLEGAL
AND SHALL BE EXTINGUISHED.**



THINK BEFORE YOU LIGHT.



DO YOU FEEL OVERWORKED AND OVERWHELMED?

Learn

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People

and discover a new sense of direction, restore balance to your life,
and learn to accomplish your most important long-term goals by
focusing on proven principles of effectiveness.

Register for the Next 7 Habits Workshop by calling Command
Evaluation at 4239 or email n01ce@usnbgtno.navy.mil

The next workshop is:
Date: August 20-23
Time: 0800-1630
Place: Community Center

FFSC — FROM PAGE 3

by marketing expert O.C. Ferrell, Ph.D., who chairs the department of marketing at Colorado State University. Ferrell is a leading professor and scholar of marketing and business ethics who has co-written more than 70 articles and 17 books. Before joining Colorado State, he was a University of Memphis instructor and previously taught marketing concepts to base-exchange managers for the Army and Air Force.

"Those who use the FFSC once tend to use it again because they receive great service and they discover all the other beneficial programs available to them there. The challenge is getting Servicemembers to walk in the door the first time," Ferrell said. "That's where effective, targeted marketing comes in, and this campaign delivers that element."

Plot Your Future Using the Career Master Plan

By Lt. j.g. Karen Eifert

NETPDTC Public Affairs

Career Master Plans (CMPs), new Web-based career planning tools recently developed by the Naval Education and Training Development and Technology Center (NETPDTC) in Pensacola, Fla., contain vital information regarding the enlisted Sailor's career, and displays information about the tasks, skills and knowledge Sailors need to master during average 20-year career paths.

Accessible information on the Website includes:

- Listings of tasks required of Sailors from E-1 to E-9
- Training required for Navy ratings, billets, and platforms
- A method of training for every knowledge level and skill level task
- Expected performance levels at critical points in a Sailor's career
- Training required for using various types of Navy equipment

NETPDTC's Website sports a new look, but the most noticeable change is the content. CMP lists are displayed by community and/or rating, and Sailors can search these fields using keywords. The site also lists training available

for specific tasks, and the skills that will be obtained after taking specific courses of instruction.

Also included in the site are several pre-formatted reports, including tasks performed by skill level and equipment/system, tasks performed on mission platforms, and all Navy Damage Control training.

To check out the Career Master Plans, access the NETPDTC Website, and simply click on the rating of interest on the left to view the current CMP. When completed, the online CMPs will consist of 82 ratings. NETPDTC is currently creating a Web-based plan for every Navy enlisted rating and while all may not be available today, Sailors can be certain that they are coming. The CMP Website is easy to use, easily accessible, and will help increase Sailors' chances of advancing in their current ratings.

The goal of the CMP initiative is to provide mentors access to the latest career information to share with new Sailors. Bob Maynard, the CMP Website Systems Analyst and Database manager says the site is even better than it was before because of what it provides to Sailors.

"This Website is getting very robust," said Maynard. "A Sailor may already have a mentor, but the site gives more career details and can

show additional training they may not have been aware of."

The training is broken down into levels of expertise. As a general rule, an Apprentice is E-1 through E-4, a Journeyman is E-5 and E-6, and a Master is E-7 through E-9. With this in mind, the CMP have been developed by skills analysts who draw upon Occupational Standards verified by subject matter experts in each rating for these three career phases. Bottom line... Sailors are getting the very best information available regarding each rating.

Because the information is easily accessible by personal computer, the CMP Website will also help introduce potential recruits and prospective Sailors to the tasks and duties associated with specific ratings. Information can be printed and reviewed at the individual's leisure. With this tool, anyone can scope out how they will fit into a Navy rating before joining the military.

Remember the old adage, "If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there." Don't settle for any road! Visit the website at www.cfs.cnet.navy.mil/ctp/index.cfm, and plan the road you'll take.

For more information on NETPDTC, go to its website at www.cnet.navy.mil/netpdtc.

Election Campaigns Begin — Register To Vote

Federal Law Simplifies Voting Process For Military Voters and Overseas Citizens

Are you registered to vote? The entire U.S. House of Representatives and one-third of the U.S. Senate is up for election this November, in addition to many important state and local offices. With the election just three short months away, time is running out for military voters and overseas citizens to register to vote and request the absentee ballots that will allow them to participate in the November election.

U.S. citizens overseas and military voters worldwide are covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, which creates simplified procedures for voter registration and absentee voting. If you are not already registered to vote, you can register by completing and mailing the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) to your state of legal residence. The FPCA is a standard federal form that all states will accept for voter registration. If you are already registered to vote, the FPCA can be used to inform your state voter registration office of your new address and/or request that absentee ballots be sent to you for this year's elections. Many first-time absentee voters often have questions

about the registration and voting process, like how to complete the FPCA or how to determine their state of legal residence. Answers to most questions about overseas and military voter registration can be found online at <http://www.fvap.gov>. This website also contains state-by-state instructions for voter registration and absentee voting. Each command should also have a Voting Assistance Officer, who can answer basic questions and provide assistance completing forms. If you are not sure who is your command's Voting Assistance Officer, you can also contact the Naval Legal Service Office at 4692.

Think your vote doesn't count? Think again. Federal law requires that every state count these absentee ballots, and in close elections these ballots often play a decisive role. Absentee ballots from overseas Florida voters may have decided the 2000 presidential election, and that is just one example out of many races decided each year by just a few votes. You work hard every day to help defend our nation—why not take a few minutes to enjoy one of the most basic freedoms you protect?

Creature Feature

"Creature Features" are submitted by The Guantanamo Bay Environmental Office

THE AMERICAN KESTREL



By Paul Schoenfeld
Natural Resources Manager

The American Kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) is a true falcon related to the Peregrine Falcon. These are the smallest birds of prey; 9 to 10 inches long and because of their small size, are sometimes called sparrow hawks. Kestrels are found throughout the Western Hemisphere and many that breed in the U.S. migrate to Cuba for the winter. Kestrels are also common permanent residents at GTMO and throughout Cuba. Two other falcons, the Peregrine and Merlin, occur here during winter. Although all three Falcons have similar shapes, they are best separated by size and by the distinct markings of the Kestrel. Kestrels are small, approximately

the size of a blackbird while Peregrines are much larger, about the size of a crow. Merlins are intermediate, larger than Kestrels but smaller than Peregrines. Merlins also look like miniature Peregrines, both of which lack the characteristic colors and markings of Kestrels.

Kestrels have very distinct bold markings and are easily identified. They have reddish brown bodies and females have red-brown wings while males have blue-gray wings. The tail is red with a black band near the tip and there are two black bars on the face. Two color variations are found in Cuba, one with a white chest and

stomach and the other with a rufous chest and stomach.

Kestrels are often seen perched high in open areas and forest edges where they search for prey. This is the basis of their local Cuban and Dominican Republic name "Cernicalo", a modification of Tsar Nicholas, the high perched monarch. Kestrels prey primarily on insects and small reptiles. Although they have been known to take small mammals, birds, and occasionally bats, Kestrels are not very good at catching them and small lizards, grasshoppers, and other insects make up most of their diet. Kestrels are one of the few species able to hover and do so while hunting.

Kestrels favor open woodlands, grassed areas, and pastures. They are also common in developed areas. They nest in tree cavities often taking over woodpecker cavities or using natural tree cavities. Breeding season is from January through August and they lay 2 - 4 eggs. They can raise more than one brood per year.

The Southeastern American Kestrel is one subspecies that may occur here. This subspecies is considered a candidate for listing under the Endangered Species Act due to significant habitat loss, especially the removal of cavity trees, from developments and agriculture in the southeastern U.S. The lack of nesting sites is the most limiting factor on these birds' reproduction and caused the decline in their numbers. Fortunately, wildlife management techniques which leave dead trees standing for nest cavities and an artificial nest box program has had positive results for nesting success. This subspecies takes readily to nest boxes installed in appropriate habitats including boxes installed on many DOD facilities. Ornithologists from Georgia Southern University studying S.E. American Kestrels have seen populations increase everywhere they installed nest boxes but had the greatest success at Fort Gordon where nest boxes produced 50 to 90 birds over each of the last 8 years.

GTMO SHOPPER

FOR SALE

(2) For Sale: Solid wood-frame futon, 9-layer cotton cushion, retail price \$425, asking \$200. Call 7672.

(2) Dining Room table with bench chairs good condition \$50 or best offer. FREE Sofabed and dresser all in fair condition, just come and take it. Call 7906 AWH.

(2) For Sale: new carpet, never used, & still rolled in plastic wrap. Briarwood 12x15 (Dark Green) \$330. Bought new from NEX. Will consider other offers. Call 7641.

(2) Surf board. Long Board 9'2" w/ carrying case. FMI, call 7737 AWH.

(2) 27" Color TV. Works great. \$150. FMI, call 7737 AWH.

(3) Lynx airfare to Ft. Lauderdale: Two one-way tickets to Ft. Lauderdale. Good until June 2003. Both tickets for \$150.00 plus \$50.00 transfer fee per each ticket. Save almost \$200.00. Interested? Call 5552.

(3) Two 12 X 9 foot rugs for sale. Less than nine months of use and in great shape. One blue, the other beige. Will sell separately or together. \$75.00 each or both for \$125.00. Call 5552.

(3) Computer workstation measures: 4" 9' high, 4" 11' wide, and 2" deep. Has two-drawer file cabinet built in, sliding drawer for key board and paper holder and storage, pin board and work light, and other places for organizing papers and envelopes. Desk has a light oak finish. Will sell for \$75.00 or OBO. Call 5552.

(3) 4 chairs (Spanish) dining room table with protective glass top and 4 pillar base. Asking \$400.00 or obo. Call Judy at 5518 after 5pm.

VEHICLES/BOATS

(1) 89 Ford Taurus Station Wagon. \$3,500 OBO. 7-2427 (W) or 5309 (H). Ask for Dave.

(2) 1996 Yamaha Virago 1100CC. Great condition, low miles. \$4950. Call 7672.

(2) 1986 Dodge Omni. Gray & Good running condition. FMI, call 2550.

(3) 8 x 20 FT. Pontoon Boat with many rod holders. Excellent for fishing and scuba diving. Has sun-deck. Recently reinspected and ready for use. Comes with dual axle trailer. Price, \$2,500. Call 5350 AWH.

(3) 24 ft. SunTracker Pontoon Boat with trailer and 50 HP Johnson engine in very nice condition, one of the nicest private pontoon boats in GTMO. \$5900.00. Call AWH 7718.

WANTED

Looking for an experienced and reliable piano player to provide lessons in my home. Interested parties call 5418.

New resident needs curtains for Caribbean Circle unit, also need a clothes dryer. Call 5533.

Person to give piano lessons to my child in my home. I have a piano at my house. If interested please call 7906 AWH.

Housekeeper wanted 2 times a month beginning mid-August. MUST be reliable and dependable. If interested please call 7906 AWH.

Looking for a used Recliner Chair. Call 3065, leave a message.

Sitter needed for two school age children. Beginning 2003 school year. 7:15 am through 2:30 pm M-F. Great job for local college student, lots of study time. Contact Tammy DWH 4162 x 224, after 5 pm 7185.

Wanted: Small apartment or efficiency in Orlando, FL. Preferably close to UCF. Call JoAnn at 2774 with information.

EMPLOYMENT

Navy Federal Credit Union is seeking a mature, energetic person with good people skills and a professional attitude to join our team. We have a part-time Member Service Representative position available. For more information, contact Kim Veditz at 4333.

A part-time assistant needed at City Colleges of Chicago Office to provide secretarial support, register students, process paperwork, maintain filing system, etc. \$8.25 per hour/20 hours per week/immediate availability. Associate degree and experience are preferred. Bring resume to City Colleges of Chicago Office or call 3999.

LCN is accepting resumes for a full-time Accountant. The candidate must have a bachelor's degree in business, finance or accounting. Please submit your resume at the LCN offices. For more information call 2852.

The following are positions available through the Human Resources Office (HRO).

Open Continuous Vacancies: Supply Technician, 1st cutoff 12/21/01, closes 12/06/02.

Open with Closing Date:

Translating Assistant, closes 08/12/02
Logistics Management Specialist, closes 8/12/02

For more information contact the Human Resources Division at ext. 4822 or 4430.

The following job opportunities are available at the Navy Exchange.

Full Time - Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm

Sales Audit Clerk

F/T - Weekdays, Weekends:

Sales Clerk (jewelry)

Hair Stylist

Flex - Weekdays, Weekends:

Food Service Worker

Maintenance Worker

Cashier-Checker

P/T Weekdays:

Internal Documentation Cash Control Clerk

Temp - 7am-5pm or noon to 5pm:

Desk Clerk (Navy Lodge)

For details, visit the Navy Exchange Personnel Office or call 4119.

SERVICES

Experienced, Red Cross Certified babysitter available. Call Melissa at 5418.

I'm Red Cross certified and experienced. Need a babysitter call CJ at 5418.

Babysitter -- American Red Cross certified. Call Rhett at 7864 for your child care.

Need a night to yourselves...Red Cross certified and experienced baby-sitters. Call Amanda or Christa @7892.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's that time again...Latin night at the Cuban Club!!! Saturday the 3rd of August 2002 from 6pm till midnight Join us for an evening of rhythmic dancing sponsored by the Hispanic Heritage Association. FMI, contact LT Goldberg at 7-2035 or 7124.

For those of unable to make religious services due to a hectic schedule, an on-line site for a bible-based ministry is at www.searchthescriptures.org and click on the link where it says listen to past Sunday's message. The chapel has received very positive feedback from those with whom they've shared this site.

The GTMO Association of Fishermen (GAF) is welcoming new members. Meetings are held Thursdays at 7pm at Pelican Pete's Marina. FMI, show up at the marina or email jbfins@hotmail.com.

Calling Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences graduates: Your alumni association wants to hear from you to find out what you are doing in Guantanamo Bay Cuba. Write to Sharon Willis (SWillis@usuhs.mil) with any news that you would like to share.

YARD SALES

Friday, Aug 2, 4-8pm. Garage/Yard Sale at Paola Point #2. Patio and livingroom furniture, pool table, carpets, swingset, strollers, bikes and much more.

Saturday, GC 83A, 7-9am. Moving sale - toys, misc household items, patio furniture, weights, & more. No early birds please.

PERSONALS

Kat, I love you and miss you sweetheart. I count each heartbeat until you return. Be safe and come home soon. Chris

It's a sad day when you have to leave GTMO and know it's our turn to say "Goodbye." We will miss this island and the friends we have made. We hope our paths may cross again. - Dave, Calla, Mallory and Michael Hess

Here are Birthday Greetings gathered from around the globe for Gunny "Grip" Garipey:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEVIL DOG!

- It seems like yesterday we were in Suerte, playing cards and bowing to your every wish for about a "month" cuz it was YOUR BIRTHDAY! Have a great day, miss you much! Your little sis, Laura -God is good. We miss you guys and pray the Lord's blessings be upon you. Have a great birthday and many blessings to follow. Mark, Lani and family -Rob-The Greatest Marine, Son, Husband and Father ever. You make us all very proud. Hope your day is great. Love Papa and Mims

-Grip What's up brother? It's grouchy old Sal. Hope you have a Happy Birthday young buck!! Sal, Susan, Justin and Sydney Grace LeBlanc

-Rob is a lean, mean, fighting machine; Not to mention a great Marine!! His family loves him and we do too; That's why we say Happy Birthday to you!! With lots of love from Shiloh FM; That's Rollic, Vicki and Bri-an!!

-Happy Birthday to Untol Wob! We love you and miss you very much can't wait until you can come home. Love Jay, Tiffany, Brandon, and your princess

-To the one and only GRIP, Greetings from Detroit, You know...the three you left here in presence but not in spirit. We Love You, and think of you often. Don't forget about those early morning workouts, you're still fondly remembered. Love You, Ronnie II, Lindsay, and Iva D.

-We sure miss you and the family here in San Diego. Hope God brings you back our way next phase of your life! Thanks for being part of the defense of our country; we REALLY appreciate it! Love, the Ottos—Bethany, Greg, Jennifer, and Clare

-Hope you are enjoying your day and wish we could be there with you. We miss you guys and the bon fires on the beach. Adios! Andy, "Tweedy," Michal and Corey Knef

-Hey old man! Slow down a little & enjoy your birthday. (At your age you have to slow down a little anyway.) Blessings in Christ, Ed Nutter

Hope the B-Day fairy is good to you and brings you everything your heart desires. Miss you and hope to see you all soon. Love Cindy

-Dear Best Brother-in-law in the world: Just wanted to wish you a very happy 36th birthday. Don't get worried about getting older. Think of it as fine wine. You only get better with age. I love you very much. Thanks for being the wonderful husband, son, father, brother, and friend that you are. Love Jan

STUART LITTLE 2



Kids/Family and Comedy - 1 hr. 15 min.

Starring: Michael J. Fox, Geena Davis, Hugh Laurie, Jonathan Lipnicki, Steve Zahn

Plucky, pint-sized hero Stuart Little returns with even more action-packed adventure. This time, there are two brand new additions to the Little family -- a nine-month old sister named Martha and a spirited bird named Margalo (voiced by Griffith), who wins Stuart's heart.

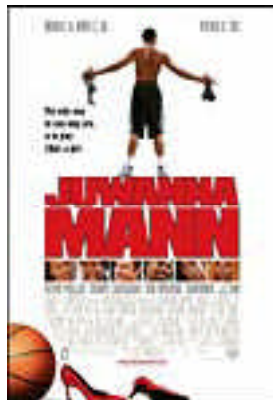
JUWANNA MANN

Comedy

1 hr. 31 min.

Starring:

*Miguel A Nunez Jr,
Vivica A Fox,
Kim Wayans,
Tommy Davidson,
Kevin Pollak*



Jamal Jeffries and his trash-talking, ball-hogging, team-hating ways get him booted out of the league. When his fancy accessories dribble away as quickly as his career, a desperate, financially-strapped Jamal takes his last shot at crashing the boards by transforming himself into female power forward "Juwanna Mann."

DIVINE SECRETS OF THE YA YA SISTERHOOD



Comedy and Drama
1 hr. 56 min.

Starring:

*Ellen Burstyn
Sandra Bullock,
Ashley Judd,
Maggie Smith,
Fionnula Flanagan*

A Southern comedy drama about life, love and family which follows a group of lifelong friends as they

stage a rather unorthodox intervention to help a young playwright unravel the truth about her eccentric mother, find forgiveness and come to terms with her difficult past.

Movies

FRIDAY, AUG 2

8pm Stuart Little 2
PG - 70min

10pm Road To Perdition
R - 119min

SATURDAY, AUG 3

8pm Juwanna Mann
PG13 - 91min

10pm Windtalkers
R - 133min

SUNDAY, AUG 4

8pm Divine Secrets of the
Ya Ya Sisterhood
PG13 - 116min

MONDAY, AUG 5

8pm The Sum Of All Fears
PG13 - 124min

TUESDAY, AUG 6

8pm Juwanna Mann
PG13 - 91min

WEDNESDAY, AUG 7

8pm Windtalkers
R - 133min

THURSDAY, AUG 8

8pm Divine Secrets of the
Ya Ya Sisterhood
PG13 - 116min



What's Happening...

LIMBO CONTEST

August 2, 2002

At The Windjammer

Contest Begins At 10:00pm

FMI Call 2304

GTMO QUEEN FISHING TRIP

August 2, 2002

GTMO Queen departs the Bayview Dock at 5pm for 8 hrs of fishing.

A limited number of rods & reels, bait and ice are provided. \$5.00 Per Person

A 20 person limit. Bring your own refreshments and snacks.

FMI Call 2345

LIBERTY CENTER

Chess Tournament

August 4, 2002

Games Begin At 5pm

No Entry Fee

MEN & WOMEN'S DIVISION

FLAG FOOTBALL

Season begins August 12th

Rosters due August 5th.

Tournament days are

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri & Sat

FMI Call 2193

PELICAN PETE'S MARINA

Free Lessons

Sailing, kayaking, daytime and nighttime boat handling instruction available.

FMI Call 2345

SPINNING CLASSES

G.J. Denich Gym

Monday, Wednesday & Friday

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Tuesday & Thursday

6:15pm - 7:15pm

MARBLEHEAD LANES

BOWLING CENTER

Friday Xtreme Bowling 7pm to

Midnight

Sunday Xtreme Bowling 1pm to 6pm

WATER AEROBICS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

6pm to 7pm

Marine Hill Pool

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

CDC

Saturday, August 17th 6:30pm to 12. A reservation fee of \$2.50 is due by

Wednesday, August 14th for your

child(ren). One hour - \$2.50, two hours - \$5.00, and three or more hours - \$12.00.

For More Information Call 3664

For more information on any of the events listed above, call 5225.